

Agricultural SEZs

3212. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated Agricultural Special Economic Zones to acquire land for MNCs in the farm products sector;

(b) the details regarding the agricultural SEZs scheme;

(c) whether huge swath of land would be acquired for creating industries, sugar factories and vineries on such land acquired from poor farmers;

(d) how many such Agricultural SEZs would be formed; and

(e) the reasons for this unusual concept?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LALBHURIA): (a) No, Sir. No. Agricultural Special Economic Zones have been formulated. However, two Agro based SEZs have been approved so far. Details are as follows:

(i) One Agro-based SEZ in Latur, Maharashtra, has been granted formal approval over an area of 200 hectares. It is being developed by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC).

(ii) One, in principle approval has been granted for setting up a Chemical (Agro-based) SEZ in Gujarat over an area of 106 hectares to be developed by a private developer.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Mechanisation of agriculture in Goa

3213. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes for agricultural mechanization are in force in Goa;

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- (b) the essential features of the schemes;
- (c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last five years in the State; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance granted to the State during that period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Finance assistance is provided through State Government/UTs on the basis of specific proposals under the following schemes:

A. Macro Management of Agriculture:

Subsidized distribution of equipments/farm implements including tractors upto 35 HP and power tillers upto 15 HP to farmers.

B. Promotion and strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration:

Under this scheme, following components are covered:—

- (i) 100% grants-in-aid for procurement and demonstration of new technology equipment.
- (ii) Outsourcing of training to the farmers through the institutions identified by the State Government/UTs.
- (iii) Human Resource Development and performance evaluation of agricultural machines through four Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes under the Department.

C. Scheme of State of Goa:

Besides Central Schemes, the State has also implemented programmes on custom services, assistance for higher HP tractor, power tillers and bullock drawn implements, popularization of agricultural machines through Self Help Groups and individuals in order to promote mechanization of agriculture.

- (d) A Statement is attached.

Statement*Financial Assistance granted to Goa on the basis of specific proposals*

Year	Scheme		
	Macro Management of Agriculture	Demonstration of New equipment	Outsourcing of training of farmers
2002-03	13.25	0.66	—
2003-04	10.00	7.20	—
2004-05	13.50	—	1.00
2005-06	42.70	—	0.50
2006-07	41.00	—	0.50

Requirement of additional land

‡3214. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50 lakh hectares of additional land would be required to meet the foodgrains and oilseed requirements of rapidly growing population;

(b) the total arable land made available for SEZs (Special Economic Zones), so far, State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make available 50-lakh hectares of additional land for agriculture on priority basis and to make foodgrains productivity rate four per cent;

(d) whether foodgrains productivity growth rate would not go beyond 2.3 per cent during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) the minimum additional land that would be required to achieve 4 per cent growth rate in agriculture sector?

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